

## LANGUAGE FIRST! 9-THEME COMPLETE LEARNING CENTER

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Grade Level	P1 - Kindergarten P2 - 1st Grade P3 - 2nd Grade P4 - 3rd Grade Fourth Grade Fifth Grade
Readability Level	K-3
Course / Content	Teaching Reading to ESL
List Price:	2399
Wholesale Price	2399

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Content	<p>The Language First program consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Thirty-six theme-based "talking" student books. The thirty-six books:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>" Are organized into four levels of English language proficiency: 1) Beginner, 2) Early Intermediate, 3) Intermediate, and 4) Advanced.</li><li>" Are organized into nine themes (one book at each of the four proficiency levels per theme) that relate to children's day-to-day life: 1) About Me, 2) Animals, 3) Food, 4) Helping Others, 5) Home, 6) Nature, 7) Neighborhood, 8) School, and 9) Travel.</li><li>" Include an interactive vocabulary word list at the end of each book.</li><li>" Include interactive native language support on the introductory pages for: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cantonese, Haitian Creole, and Hmong.</li></ul></li><li>2) Nine teacher manuals. Each manual contains:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>" An introduction with program and language proficiency level information, a usage guide, and components overview.</li><li>" Illustration of student pages, by page, with suggested activities for each page spread at each of the four language proficiency levels, and one multi-proficiency level activity.</li></ul></li><li>3) The LeapPad Personal Learning Tool (PLTs): Kits are available with and without LeapPad PLTs. Each LeapPad PLT includes headphones, AC adaptors, and batteries.</li><li>4) Teacher Resource Kit: Six teaching strategy cards, placement guide, skills matrix, and language posters.</li><li>5) Optional student backpacks: Allow for home-school connection.</li></ul>
Student Experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>" Students hear stories read aloud independently, using the PLT. The stories are presented within a meaningful context that expose students to crucial vocabulary supported by pictures.</li><li>" Students can repeatedly access audio components of the books to reinforce comprehension and build fluency.</li><li>" Students participate in individual and group oral and written language learning</li></ul>

activities designed specifically for their language proficiency level.

Assessment	" Placement Guide: Teachers are provided with an English Language Proficiency placement guide. The guide consists of instructions and materials for an observation and elicitation and a placement test. " Skills Matrix: Shows where in the program specific structures, vocabulary, skills, and strategies are developed.
Organization	" Students develop oral and written English language skills as they progress through the thirty-six theme-based interactive books across four proficiency levels. Students are given a gradual introduction to an increasingly complex range of English grammatical structures, vocabulary, and basic comprehension strategies. " The teachers' guides provide over 400 activities designed to enhance concepts and skills introduced in student books. Activities are organized by theme and language proficiency level. " The portable LeapPad learning system and interactive books are designed for extra practice at home.
Resource Materials	Language First offers the following resource materials: " Language Posters: Posters for classroom display contain images, words, and pronunciation guides. " Teaching Strategy Cards: There are six teaching strategy cards: 1) Making Your Teaching Comprehens
Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions	N/A
Available Ancillary Materials	N/A

#### Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available	YES - provide information below The LeapFrog SchoolHouse efficacy studies meet the guidelines proposed by the U.S. Department of Education's What Works Clearinghouse. Many of the studies are federally funded projects, and many are conducted by independent third-party research organizations.  Language First! Phoenix Study: In a seven-month experimental study investigating the effectiveness of the Language First! program among 377 Kù2 students in Phoenix, Arizona, students using the Language First! program significantly outperformed their control counterparts on a measure of vocabulary development, a critical component of English language learning. Over the course of this study, more than 60% of students using the Language First! program transitioned into higher levels of English language proficiency, compared to less than half of the control group students. The results of this study demonstrate the effectiveness of the Language First! program in teaching essential English language development skills, preparing limited English proficient students for greater academic and personal success.  Please visit the research section of our website, <a href="http://www.leapfrogschoolhouse.com/do/listEfficacyStudies">http://www.leapfrogschoolhouse.com/do/listEfficacyStudies</a> , to read the complete overview of these and other LeapFrog SchoolHouse Efficacy Studies.
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Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations:      [This program is designed to build English language proficiency. Reinforces crucial vocabulary, comprehension and builds fluency. Interactive native language as well as English. Interactive vocabulary list and practice activities at the end of each book. Could also be beneficial for struggling readers at least two or three years below grade level.](#)

## Summary Form

I.	Technology Component Summary	
II.	Reading Content Summary <a href="#">Reinforcing comprehension and building fluency for English language proficiency or struggling readers two-three years below grade level.</a>	1.75
III.	Writing Content Summary	
IV.	Grammar and Spelling Content Summary <a href="#">Interactive vocabulary list included at the end of each book. Some activities with a writing connection.</a>	1.50
V.	Listening /Speaking / Observing Content Summary <a href="#">Using appropriate language to communicate.</a>	1.00
VI.	Inquiry Content Summary	
VII.	Technology Content Summary	
VIII.	Audience: Teacher Materials Content Summary	2.00
IX.	Audience : Student Materials Content Summary <a href="#">Easy to read and follow.</a>	2.00
X.	Format Content Summary <a href="#">Easy to use in small group or independent. Especially easy to use as home-to-school practice.</a>	1.86
XI.	Ancillary Materials Content Summary <a href="#">No ancillary materials noted per Leap Frog.</a>	

## READING CONTENT

## WRITING CONTENT

## GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

## LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING

## INQUIRY

## TECHNOLOGY CONTENT

## AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

## AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS

## FORMAT

## ANCILLARY MATERIALS

[No ancillary materials per company.](#)